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Appn. No.: 09/994,088
Request for Refund dated September 20, 2005IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Jeffrey Trudeau

Serial No.: 09/994,088

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: Method And Apparatus For Clamping
Surgical Wires Or Cables

Atty. Docket No.: 004608.C 0003

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Eduardo Robert

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REQUEST FOR REFUNDCommissioner for Patents
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Respectfully submitted,

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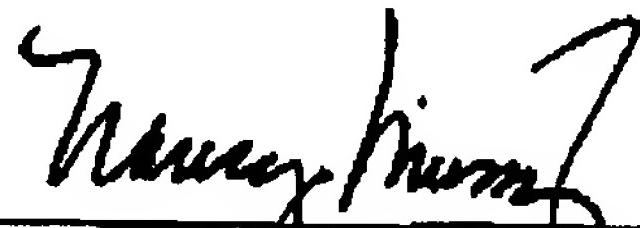
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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Art Unit 3732

Examiner Eduardo Robert

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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